Third Grade Curriculum Overview by Quarter

2026-2027

	1st Nine Weeks	2nd Nine Weeks	3rd Nine Weeks	4th Nine Weeks
English	*English Language Arts is not a discrete set of skills. Skills work together to help children analyze literary and informational texts. Skills are not taught in isolation, rather they are purposefully combined to support student learning of texts they read. Instruction includes phonological, phonemic, and print awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, handwriting, communication, and research.*			
	Reading • Word Meanings • Root Words and Affixes • Morphology, Synonyms & Antonyms • Shades of Meaning (Verbs & Adjectives) • Infer Word Meanings • Thematic Topics • Characters Attributes • Character & Setting • Genre • Purpose for Reading • Main Idea • Organizational Patterns • Text Features • Prior and Background Knowledge • Author's Purpose • Compare and Contrast • Write About Reading **Writing/Language Usage** • Narrative Writing • Sentences • Capitalization • Punctuation • Nouns • Commas • Subject-Verb Agreement • Cursive Handwriting • Write About Texts	**Reading** • Word Meanings • Root Words and Affixes • Morphology, Synonyms & Antonyms • Shades of Meaning (Verbs & Adjectives) • Infer Word Meanings • Thematic Topics • Central Conflict • Characters Attributes • Character & Setting • Genre • Narrator/Speaker • Purpose for Reading • Main Idea • Organizational Patterns • Text Features • Prior and Background Knowledge • Author's Purpose • Compare and Contrast • Write About Reading **Writing/Language Usage** • Expository/Informational Text • Poetry Writing • Capitalization • Punctuation • Nouns • Verbs • Commas • Apostrophes with Contractions • Cursive Handwriting • Write About Texts	**Reading** • Word Meanings • Root Words and Affixes • Homophones • Morphology, Synonyms & Antonyms • Shades of Meaning (Verbs & Adjectives) • Infer Word Meanings • Thematic Topics • Central Conflict • Characters Attributes • Character & Setting • Sensory Language • Genre • Narrator/Speaker • Purpose for Reading • Main Idea • Organizational Patterns • Text Features • Prior and Background Knowledge • Author's Purpose • Compare and Contrast • Write About Reading **Writing/Language Usage** • Expository/Informational Text • Poetry Writing • Sentences • Verbs • Capitalization • Punctuation • Apostrophes with Possessive Nouns • Double Negatives • Commas • Adjectives • Cursive Handwriting • Write About Texts	**Reading** • Word Meanings • Root Words and Affixes • Homophones • Morphology, Synonyms & Antonyms • Shades of Meaning (Verbs & Adjectives) • Thematic Topics • Central Conflict • Characters Attributes • Character & Setting • Sensory Language • Genre • Purpose for Reading • Main Idea • Organizational Patterns • Text Features • Prior and Background Knowledge • Author's Purpose • Compare and Contrast • Write About Reading **Writing/Language Usage** • Opinion Writing • Research Report • Sentences • Verbs • Capitalization • Punctuation • Commas • Cursive Handwriting • Write About Texts
History	• History Skills • Citizenship • Government • Map Skills	• History Skills • Economics: Terms • Economics: Specialization & Trading • Economics: Choices & Opportunity Cost • Ancient China	• History Skills • Ancient Greece • Ancient Rome • Ancient Mali	• History Skills • Ancient Egypt
Math	• Patterns • Data Cycle • Polygons • Area and perimeter • Multiplication and Division Facts (2s, 5s, 10s, 1s, 0s)	• Polygons • Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers • Fractions and Mixed Numbers • Multiplication and Division Facts (3s, 6s, 4s all previous)	• Time • Money • Measurement • Multiplication and Division Facts (8s, 9s, all previous)	• Whole Number Place Value • Fact fluency Multiplication and Division (7s and all previous)
Science	• Force, Motion, and Energy	• Matter • Water Cycle	• Ecosystems • Life Systems and Processes	• Earth and Space Systems: Soil • Earth's Resources: Natural Events and Human Influence)